



Clackamas County Community Road Fund Advisory Committee Meeting #13

6 p.m., Thursday, September 28, 2023
Development Services Building Room 118

MINUTES

Recording: <https://youtu.be/WahKWNbZhEg>

Attendance

Committee members: Bill Merchant, Chair; Warren Holzem, Cedomir Jesic, Steve Joncus, Nathan McCarty, James Pritchard, Marge Stewart
Staff: Dave Queener, Mike Bezner, Ellen Rogalin

Welcome and Minutes (Bill Merchant)

Bill welcomed everyone and asked for any additional agenda items. The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the March 30, 2022, CRFAC meeting.

Project Updates (Mike Bezner)

Revenue: Revenue has been a bit more than projected for the last few months. The Department of Motor Vehicles sends us a revenue check each month and each month we send a check to each city in the county with their 40% share.

Project shift: As recommended by this committee, the Board of Commissioners did approve moving \$7 million of CRF revenue from the Johnson Creek Boulevard project to the Stafford/Elligsen/65th project.

Congestion Relief: We have substantially completed our first CRF congestion relief project – the left-turn lane on Canby-Marquam Highway to access Lone Elder Road.

Paving: The projects are coming along well. There is a lot more paving going on than what's shown on the list; the list just shows the paving paid for with the CRF.

Safety: We have purchased Vision Suite software that analyzes the status of the road system and crash data to determine what we can do to make the most efficient improvements. We're applying the software now throughout the county and will use it to help identify our next safety projects.

Discussion

- On Stafford Road, it looks like you'll have two roundabouts that are fairly close together – have you looked at studies on this? [Yes, we certainly don't want one roundabout to back up into the other.]
- The Damascus Road Study was completed, so now when will work begin on Sunnyside? [The results of the Damascus study will be folded into the upcoming Transportation System Plan update and will be considered along with other needed projects.]
- If Beaver Creek Road is transferred to the city, will any changes to the road be the responsibility of the city? [Yes, up to a point. Right now we don't know if that transfers will happen – our staff is talking about it with city staff.]
- Is slurry seal part of paving? [No, slurry seal is an interim treatment doesn't add any structure.]
- Does the Amisgiger/Highway 224 project have ODOT approval yet? [We have received approval from ODOT Region 1. They are recommending approval to the State Traffic-Roadway Engineer,

who has to approve of all roundabouts on ODOT facilities. We expect to receive that approval by winter.]

- Will center lines be added to Wildcat Mountain Road? [The center lines were scheduled to be added Oct. 4.]
- Can you give us an update about the Kleinsmith stop sign that's supposed to be coming, and brushing? [Transportation Maintenance staff went to the site to do some clearing and cleaning, and reset any signs, if needed.]

Evaluation Measures

After many long meetings, in 2019 the CRFAC approved criteria to use to develop recommendations for what congestion relief projects should be completed first. Once the new TSP update process is complete, in late 2025, the committee will be asked to again review and prioritize congestion relief projects and recommend the next projects to be funded.

The group reviewed the criteria from 2019 and generally agreed that it is a good list and should be used again. Suggestions/discussion included:

- Use the additional data that will be available from the new safety software program to add information about the safety value of the congestion relief projects.
- Share this evaluation list with the people who work on the TSP so they can take it into consideration during the update process.
- The CRF funding is very significant, e.g., the Stafford projects would not be possible without the CRF revenue.
- How do we respond when additional congestion is caused by a zone change recommended by the county in a more rural area, i.e., the 55-unit development proposed in the Beaver Creek area? [Any increased congestion will be reflected in our evaluation of the project need. For the Beaver Creek project specifically, our Traffic Safety staff reviewed the traffic study and coordinated with ODOT on conditions of approval, which include a left-turn lane and right-turn deceleration lane into the site off of Highway 213.]

Public Comment

None

Next Steps

- Recruitment for new members is being extended to try to get more applicants from different areas of the county.
- Staff is presenting a CRF update to the Board of Commissioners at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11. CRFAC members are invited to attend – in person or online – and we hope that Bill will have the opportunity to say a few words.
- The group agreed to hold the next CRFAC meeting in six months, preferably at the end of March. The agenda could include:
 - Welcome/orientation of new members
 - TSP update process introduction
 - Project updates for 2024

Adjourn

Bill adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.